



TEAM TENNESSEE AMERICORPS STATE 2015-2016 Program Descriptions

East Tennessee

AmeriCorps*Building Futures – AIM Center: Chattanooga

AIM Center AmeriCorps members will help address the stigma of mental illness while serving at the AIM Center. Members will holistically address the basic human needs for meaningful relationships, self-sufficiency and community reintegration for people in the greater Chattanooga area with a psychiatric diagnosis.

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Appalachia CARES – Clinch-Powell RC& DC: Rutledge / Greeneville area

The Appalachia CARES program is a school and community-based service-learning program which promotes COMMUNITY, ACTION, RESPONSIBILITY, EDUCATION, and SERVICE as program cornerstones. Appalachia CARES engages its members in direct service with youth and community volunteers in primarily rural areas in middle and east Tennessee counties in partnership with community-based organizations and local schools. The overall goal of the program is to impact participants through service-learning.

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CAC AmeriCorps - Knoxville- Knox County Community Action Committee: Knoxville

CAC AmeriCorps is Tennessee's only environmental corps. Members serve youth and adults by facilitating environmental education by using service-learning curricula.

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Community Cares – Tennessee Community Assistance Corporation: Morristown/various sites across Tennessee

Members assist frail seniors and persons with disabilities by direct, in-home assistance so that the residents can remain living independently in their own homes for as long as possible.

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Phone: 423-586-7636 x. 304 Website: www.tcac1.org

Making Veterans Priority (MVP) – Tennessee's Community Assistance Corporation: Morristown/various sites across Tennessee

MVP AmeriCorps members will provide a wide array of services for veterans and their families that are homeless or on the verge of becoming homeless due to lack of income, physical and/or mental health issues, disabilities, trauma, substance abuse, and weak social networks. The goal is to allow them to improve their quality of life, while giving them the resources, respect and encouragement they deserve to live a more productive and fulfilling life.

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Project Inspire – Public Education Foundation: Chattanooga

Project Inspire is an urban teacher residency program that serves students in grades 4-12 in Chattanooga's high-need public schools. Its mission is to develop mathematically and scientifically literate teachers and students who confidently reason and communicate using the habits that drive meaningful STEM learning. The program does this by recruiting and training smart, motivated college graduates and career-changers to serve as teachers in the math and science classrooms where they're needed most.

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T.E.A.M. – Emerald Youth Foundation: Knoxville

T.E.A.M. AmeriCorps members serve inner city children and youth by leading diverse after-school activities: academic, enrichment, leadership, recreational activities, and mentoring alongside the staff of a faith-based organization to show young people that they can be leaders and change their circumstances.

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Middle Tennessee

Hands On Nashville: Nashville

AmeriCorps members will support critical community needs associated with Disaster Services, Capacity Building, Economic Opportunity, Education, and Environmental Stewardship. AmeriCorps members will be responsible for completing projects, working with refugee families, increasing youth's knowledge to help them do better in school, and much more. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 2,000+ volunteers.

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PACE – PENCIL Foundation: Nashville

AmeriCorps Members serve in the PENCIL Academic & Career Enrichment program (PACE) to deliver afterschool programming for students in grades 5-8 at high-poverty Nashville middle school sites during the school year, plan and implement a two-week summer camp for those students, and improve business-school partnerships and volunteerism at the schools.

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Phone: 615-242-3167 ext. 249 Website: www.pencilfoundation.org

RISE - Refugee and Immigrant Students Empowered: Nashville

The Center for Refugees and Immigrants of Tennessee AmeriCorps members support instruction and coordination of students at five of its afterschool program sites. AmeriCorps members will be responsible for helping students achieve improved educational outcomes.

Contact: Joseph Clark Email: jclark@centerforrefugees.org
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Middle Tennessee

Teach For America: Greater Nashville

Teach For America believes that all children deserve the opportunity to attain an excellent education. They recruit, train and place outstanding teacher leaders into classrooms serving low-income children throughout Cheatham and Davidson County.

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THRIVE – Martha O'Bryan Center: Nashville

AmeriCorps members serve at Martha O'Bryan Center in the youth development program, THRIVE. Members will help young people change their futures by mentoring youth in local schools assisting the youth to succeed in school. AmeriCorps members also participate in our after school tutorials, generate excitement about learning and community service and work to encourage parent participation. Members also work with adult GED students.

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West Tennessee

Bridge Builders ® Expansion- BRIDGES USA, Inc.: Memphis

BRIDGES' mission is to build a community of leaders to advance racial, economic, educational and environmental justice. Bridge Builders ® Expansion addresses key needs facing Memphis area youth in grades 6-12 through experiential learning and the facilitation of our Bridge Builders ® curriculum that targets low academic performance and graduation rate, low rate of cultural competency and low rate of opportunity for meaningful civic engagement.

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Generations – Porter-Leath: Memphis

AmeriCorps members serve in Head Start centers, promoting physical fitness and education for low-income and at-risk children through physical education activities. Members also teach these activities to parents so that they can implement them in the home, leading to a greater understanding of physical development, increasing school readiness and promoting an active lifestyle.

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Impact America – Impact: An Alabama Student Service Initiative: Memphis

Impact America - Tennessee AmeriCorps members will implement substantive service-learning projects related to health and economic opportunity primarily in the Memphis area. AmeriCorps members will be responsible for: providing free vision screenings and subsidized follow up care to 11,000 low-income children; and preparing tax returns for 1,200 low-income families. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 140 college student volunteers who will be engaged in conducting vision screenings and assisting with free tax preparation at three to four IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites.

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West Tennessee

Memphis Teacher Residency (MTR) – Memphis Teacher Residency: Memphis, TN

MTR recruits outstanding leaders as co-teachers for Memphis' most academically-challenged public schools. Our mission is to positively impact student achievement in Memphis urban schools by recruiting, training and supporting outstanding teachers. All members are placed in Memphis' Title I schools that have an enrollment that is more than 50% Free or Reduced Price Lunch assisted.

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One Child At A Time – Exchange Club Carl Perkins Center: Jackson

One Child At A Time AmeriCorps members help prevent child abuse and provide assistance to abused children and their families in West Tennessee. Members are mentors and role models to children, recruit new volunteers, and provide educational and emergency assistance.

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Teach For America: Memphis

Teach For America believes that all children deserve the opportunity to attain an excellent education. They recruit, train and place outstanding teacher leaders into classrooms serving low-income children throughout Memphis and Shelby County.

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